

Winnisquam Watershed Network
Board of Directors Meeting
October 4, 2021

Lisa E., Tom Camp, Judy Hughes, Bob Day, Dean Anson, Tony Carita, Chuck Mitchell, Dick Tracy, Jim Chapman and Kath Keen (via Zoom)

David Lorch with Deer Park Association, joined the meeting.

Meeting started 5:35

Lisa submitted the 319 Grant for funding under Clean Water Act, which requires 40% partner match to build or improve storm water drainage/nonpoint sources. Exploring the following locations, Gale Ave Park in Laconia (Laconia Parks & Rec will partner), Deer Park Association to address erosion of beach, Deer Park agreed to partner as well as Meredith Conservation Commission. We have not heard back from Meredith town manager or highway dept. Scott Powell, Meredith Conservation Commission wrote letter of support. Third location is Kaulback Road in Sanbornton near Lower Bay Road, lots of sediment run off in to Black Brook. This is dirt road. Sanbornton agreed to partner with us and provide required in kind services. We are waiting to hear when and if we get selected to submit a full grant application.

If we get grant we will definitely need Cindy O'Connell to manage grant, in the interim she will be coming on as our program manager to help with WBP rollout and implementation.

NH Charitable Foundation accepted the concept paper for \$10,000 annual grant for 3-years, Lisa is working on the application. This grant can be used for staff support. Lisa plans to send to board for input on Tuesday. We need to identify what are our 3 primary goals and strategies for the next three years. One is Watershed Management Plan, build a more sustainable organization, WWN gets about 30% each from donors & membership, grants and local matches. Lisa believes we can build in the donor and membership. Grant needs to be submitted by Friday.

Water quality monitoring is almost done for the season, Dean and crew will be conducting water tributary testing on Thursday. Chuck asked about who to contact for water testing in Winnepesaukee River from Tilton to Franklin. Lisa will send Chuck, Michelle Condin's contact information. She's in charge of VLAP testing. Dean noted that the whitewater park in Tilton is on track to be completed next year.

Milfoil management wrapped up for the year, we spent just under \$15,000, which is a positive sign. The possibility exists that we spend more money in future years. We have collected \$5,000 from Sanbornton, Meredith pledged \$6,000 but has not submitted funds, Laconia has not submitted \$7,000, Belmont is not contributing this year, but the Belmont Conservation Committee provided a donation. Lisa asked Dean to check with Laconia for 2022, Ed to check with Belmont, Chuck with Tilton. Lisa is hoping that towns will allow for some of the funds to be spent on Lake Host. Chuck noted that Tilton provides between \$2,000 and \$3,000 which goes for both Winnisquam and Silver lakes. Lisa submitted request to Sanbornton for \$6,000 for 2022.

2021 Lake Host expense, \$12,964 with \$177.88 left over. 4,330 boats were surveyed. Lake Host wrapped up two weeks ago. They had two major saves, both water chestnuts. Tony inquired about press release, NH Lakes posted on their webpage about the saves. Tony agreed to draft and submit a press release.

Dean recently attended meeting topic of concern is wake boats, with respect to the wake they create and the emptying of the water from their boat. The report contained anecdotal data, which sided more with the Wake Boat industry. NH Lakes continues to address and monitor the wake boat industry.

NH Lakes is looking for people from all lake associations to participate in a lakes advocacy work group and assist with gathering data to present information with respect to future legislation and testify at legislative sessions. Jim Chapman volunteered to be WWN representative.

Boater survey was put together by Melissa our intern. We distributed it on Facebook, Next Door, WWN website, and printed on cards, which we put at Marinas and other businesses. Lake Host handed them out. We have about 124 responses to include some board members. Jim mentioned that Amy Smagula trains staff at Winnisquam Marina in identifying invasive species. Approximately 40% of respondents said they launch their trailered boats at private/association ramps. Lisa questioned whether associations only allow for members to launch their boats or can visitors and renters launch from association ramps. We need to instruct all on clean drain and dry. Dave with Deer Park mentioned that Deer Park homeowners rent out their homes. Dave noted that each spring they provide members with a reminder of rules and can add that information to annual rules reminder. Lisa will ask Melissa to review shoreline survey to determine number and location of private boat launches on Winnisquam.

Staffing, Melissa who is funded under Moose Plate Grant, her work is currently at a lull. She is still on board with us, she applied for and is interviewing for a position with DES. Any Moose Plate money left over from this year will be put towards 2022 along with the \$6,800 from next year's Moose Plate, which we will use for Cindy and staffing. Lisa noted that Cindy will be paid more/hour than we were paying Melissa. We would like to see Cindy spend time on growing membership. Chuck asked about having an intern next year knocking on doors. Lisa would like to see board members do that, noting that we need someone that can connect with their neighbors. Lisa discussed having realtors provide information to new homeowners about WWN, and the cost of mailings we did 3-years ago, which was not overly successful.

Lisa is working on fall update, asked if BOD has information they would like to add anything.

End of year appeal target, last year we requested support for Lake Host. Judy mentioned the Watershed plan. Jim stated that he is willing to do a match for 2022. Lisa asked if someone would be willing to draft this year's end of year appeal. Kath volunteered. Discussion took place on what the money was spent on last year, Lake Host, and the success we had with that program. Jim offered giving a 50 to 100 year old post card to donors of \$100 or more.

Merchandise sales, we tend to see an increase in sales around Christmas time. Lisa will reach out to Dawn offline to discuss. Lisa spoke with someone recently about a Lake Winnisquam ornament. In lieu of selling them it was discussed that we give an ornament to anyone who donates more than \$50.00.

More discussion on identifying ramps and making contact with owners to educate them on proper inspection of boat and identifying invasive species.

Lisa will send out doodle poll for strategic meeting dates, either November 1st or 8th. December 6th next BOD meeting.

Dave inquired if milfoil is coming in from Lake Wicwas, Lisa noted that Wicwas is milfoil free.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04